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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2002

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 5, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 5, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 46-47 and 49, without prejudice. For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims as set forth below and amendments are proposed as noted below.

24. (Amended) A method of processing a semiconductor substrate, comprising: